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Hi Pierre,

> On Sun, Sep 30, 2007 at 09:41:48AM -0300, Marcelo Chiapparini wrote:
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>> I am running etch in a machine with two HDs. Etch is running in the
>> master HD (hdc), the second HD (hdd), the slave, is empty. In the >>
>> second
>> hd (hdd) I need to install windows xp. I wonder how to do that in >>
>> order
>> to get a dual boot system, managed by grub. The bios let me define the
>> HD from which the system boots. Now the bios is configured to boot >>
>> from
>> hdc, where etch (and grub) resides: hdc-hdd. Due that during the >>
>> install
>> of xp the system re-boots several times from the HD, I wonder if I can
>> install xp on hdd simply inverting the boot sequence: hdd-hdc, and,
>> after the installation of xp, inverting the sequence again: hdc-hdd, >> in
>> order to boot with grub.
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>> If it is possible, I guess I still need to tell grub that there is
>> another OS in the system. How can I do that?
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> I thought that windows was a megalomaniac and would only work from the
> first hard drive of the first controller (hda).
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> Don't know for sure since I haven't used Windows since 3.1.
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> Doug.

Nope. XP will boot from another partition too. hda1 or sda1 is not a option for it. But it will install its own bootmanager into the mbr. So save your mbr first with dd (BEFORE you install XP!!!!). You can put the etch bootimage onto your hard disk and call it by the XP bootloader by setting a

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line to the XP boot.ini (save it on a usb-stick e.g. to transfer it after the XP is installed).

But I want to install XP in another disk, different from which etch is installed. So XP will install its own bootmanager into the mbr of this different disk. Am I wright? Remember that I can tell the bios from what disk the system boots. I gues I can use this in order to make the system boot from the second disk, where XP is being installed, making XP ignore the disk where etch is installed.

XP will install it into the Master Boot Record. That's the one on the first disc who